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SUBJ: CIVAIR - ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENCY

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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALDMANN DISCUSSED QUESTION OF ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENCY AND RELATED ISSUES WITH HUBBACK AND GREEN, UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, ON JUNE 12. HUBBACK AND GREEN WERE CONFIDENT THAT, CONTRARY TO EARLIER US INFORMATION, ISSUE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENCY WOULD NOT COME UP FOR VOTE AT JUNE 16 COUNCIL MEETING. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH QUESTION OF SUCCESSOR TO CURRENT PRESIDENT WAS AN ISSUE WHICH GOVERNMENTS WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS WITH SOME URGENCY, TIME FRAME FOR DISCUSSIONS AND NECESSARY GROUNDWORK NOT QUITE AS LIMITED AS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BELIEVED. HUBBACK AND WALDMANN AGREED THAT, FOR THE TIME BEING, PRESIDENCY QUESTION SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL.

2. THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED CURRENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT. HUBBACK SAID UK WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MAKING AVAILABLE SIR JOHN RUSSELL,

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UK'S ICAO REP. ALSO MENTIONED WERE VERES (PORTUGAL),

WINBERG (SWEDEN) AND, SOMEWHAT TO OUR SURPRISE, KNUT HAMMARSKJOLD'S NAME AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE HAD BEEN SUGGESTED TO BRITISH BY AUSTRALIAN BARRY LEWIS. BRITISH SEEM TO BELIEVE IT A BIT PREMATURE TO APPEAR TO BE SUPPORTING ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE AT THIS TIME BUT HUBBACK SEEMED IMPRESSED BY HAMMARSKJOLD'S QUALIFICATIONS IF HE WERE TO BE INTERESTED IN POST.

3. HUBBACK AGREED UK WOULD, IN CONNECTION WITH REPLACEMENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, EXAMINE BROADER QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN ICAO STRUCTURE. RICHARDSON

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